

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY 2300 E STREET NW WASHINGTON DC 20372-5300 BUMEDINST 7042.1 BUMED-13 28 Aug 98

BUMED INSTRUCTION 7042.1

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR THE VERIFICATION OF

LICENSURE AND BOARD CERTIFICATION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 6401.2A

(b) BUMEDINST 1500.18A

(c) Office of the Counsel, Comptroller of the Navy ltr of 24 May 88 (NOTAL)

(d) DoD Directive 6025.13 of 20 Jul 95

(e) BUMEDINST 6320.66B

(f) Office of the Counsel, Comptroller of the Navy ltr of 17 Sep 86 (NOTAL)

(g) Comptroller General Decision B-231673 of 8 Aug 88

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. To provide guidance on the use of appropriated funds in support of the credentialing program.
- 2. Cancellation. NAVMEDCOMINST 7042.1.
- 3. Background. Reference (a) requires health care providers to maintain current valid licensure and board certification to practice medicine in the United States Navy. References (b) and (c) state that maintenance of licensure and board certification are an individual health care provider's financial responsibility. References (d) and (e) require commands to verify the licensure and board certification of all practicing health care providers. References (f) and (g) authorize the use of appropriated funds to pay for documentation verifying licensure and board certification.

4. Action. Commands will:

- a. Support the credentialing program by using appropriated funds, as necessary, to pay State and medical specialty boards for documentation verifying the licensure and certification of practicing health care providers.
- b. Not use appropriated funds to pay for an individual health care provider's licensure or board certification fees.

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